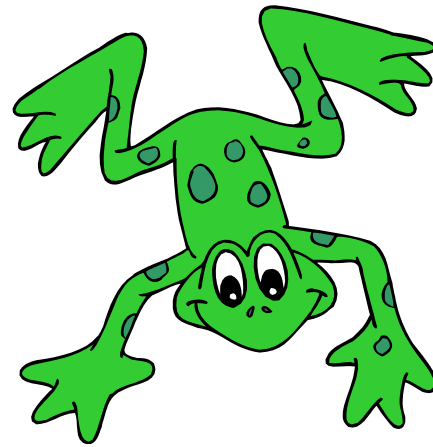


# First Grade Leaps Into Learning

May 2011



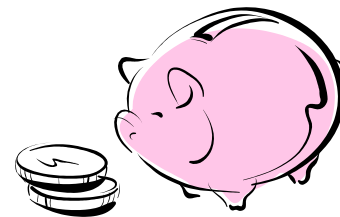
## *Math News*

We will wrap up learning to tell time to the hour and the half hour during the first week of May.

Beginning May 9, we will begin working on recognizing coins and counting money (Math SOL K.7, 1.7) in May. Students are expected to:

- Recognize a penny, nickel, dime, and quarter (Math SOL K.7).
- Identify the number of pennies equivalent to a nickel, a dime, and a quarter (Math SOL 1.7).
- Determine the value of a mixed collection of pennies, nickels, and dimes whose total value is 100 cents or less (Math SOL 1.7).

Students will be counting groups of mixed coins, looking at the price of an object, and determining if they have enough money to "buy" the object. We will play a game called "Race to a Dollar" to practice money counting skills.



**A separate letter was sent to you requesting that you send in real coins for us to practice with! We need the coins by Monday, May 9.**

Keep working on those basic addition and subtraction facts! The new Math SOL for first grade is mastery of basic addition and subtraction facts to 18.

## *Enrichment News*

In May, we begin our study of animals (Science SOL 1.5) in preparation for our trip to the zoo. Students will investigate and understand that animals, including people, have life needs (air, food, water, place to live), specific physical characteristics (body coverings, body shape, appendages and methods of movement), and can be classified according to certain characteristics (wild/tame, water homes/land homes).

## *Writing Expectations*

Your child should now be able to write *at least* three sentences on the same topic. Each sentence should begin with a capital letter and end with the appropriate punctuation mark. The word "I" and names of people should also be capitalized. Your child should also include "describing words" (adjectives and/or adverbs) in each piece of writing.

## *Dress Code Expectations*

**Reprinted from the HJB Student Handbook at Ms. Waters' request!**

Students need to dress appropriately for school. We ask that clothing with lettering, symbols, pictures, etc. that are considered offensive or a distraction not be worn. If students are dressed in inappropriate attire, parents will be called to bring clothes in for their child to change into.

All students participate in Physical Education and/or Recess daily. Students need to wear shoes that they can run, jump and be active in safely.

**Flip flops are not to be worn.** We strongly encourage that tennis shoes be worn everyday. Students who are not wearing safe shoes will not participate in PE classes or recess.

## *Important Days in May and June*

May 13 - Interim Reports sent home

May 16 -20 **PALS TESTING**

May 30 - **NO SCHOOL** - Memorial Day Holiday

## *Important Days in June*

June 3 - Field Trip to The National Zoo

